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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: **Average Cost for Nursing Facility Services**

Introduction

In accordance with 130 CMR 520.019(G)(1), the Division must impose a period of ineligibility for payment of nursing facility services when it has determined that a MassHealth applicant or member has made a disqualifying transfer of resources.

When calculating the period of ineligibility, the Division uses the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth. Periodically, this figure is revised to reflect increased costs.

Revised Average Cost for Nursing Facility Services

Effective February 15, 2002, the Division has set the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth at \$181 a day. The **date** the worker **reviews** the application or eligibility review form determines which amount to use when calculating the period of ineligibility.

- Reviewed before February 15, 2002 – use \$167
- Reviewed on or after February 15, 2002 – use \$181

The date the Division receives the application or eligibility review form is no longer used in this calculation.

Questions

If you have any questions about this change, please call the MassHealth Policy Hotline at 617-210-5331 through your MEC designee.
